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Tohru SUETOMO et al. :  
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DISC DRIVE DEVICE  
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**CLAIM OF PRIORITY UNDER 35 USC 119**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:


Applicants in the above-entitled application hereby claim the date of priority under the International Convention of Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-164468, filed May 31, 2001, as acknowledged in the Declaration of this application.

A certified copy of said Japanese Patent Application was filed in parent application Serial No.10/157,115 on May 30, 2002, as acknowledged by the Examiner in the Notice of Allowability mailed March 8, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

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